

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st, DECEMBER, 1941

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VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate for England and Wales	14.2
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average populations	11.01
Death Rate for England and Wales	12.9
All infants per 1,000 live births	45.9
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales	59.
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	16.43

CAUSES OF DEATH

All causes	Males	Females
	27	36
Cerebro Spinal Fever	-	2
Diphtheria	-	1
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	-
Influenza	1	1
Cancer of Stomach and duodenum	3	2
Cancer of Breast	-	1
Cancer of all other sites	-	1
Intra cranial vascular lesions	2	4
Heart disease	5	11
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	6
Bronchitis	1	1
Ulcer of stomach or duodenum	1	-
Other digestive diseases	1	-
Nephritis	-	1
Congenital Malformation - birth injury	3	1
Suicide	1	-
Other violent causes	-	1
All other causes	3	3

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

J. Young, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.; Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire and Rutland combined Districts in which this District is included.

Sanitary Inspector - G. Dolphin, Sanitary Inspector's Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Sanitary Inspector is also the Sanitary Surveyor for the District and acts for the County Council in the administration of the Housing (Rural Workers) Act.

(ii) Laboratory facilities

The following examinations in your area were carried out during the year in the:-

Emergency Public Health Laboratory, Leicester

Throat Swabs	...	...	...	...	...	20
Cerebro Spinal Fluid	..	...	...	...	...	-
Faeces and Urines	...	...	...	...	...	3
Blood		...	...	...	...	3

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) WATER

There were no samples of water taken for analysis from wells or pipe supply during the year.

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

(a)	from public mains	...	...	...	...	...	2
(b)	from private reservoirs	...	...	...	...	...	1

Number of Parishes without a piped water supply ... 16

These 16 Parishes are supplied by wells, most of which are shallow and in many cases unfit for drinking purposes. In several villages, notably, Barrowden, Belton, Bisbrooke, Caldecott, North and South Luffenham, Morcott and Seaton, a public supply is much to be desired. An illustration how easily these wells are dangerously polluted was instanced this year at North Luffenham. Sewage was noticed to be boiling up in the roadway, which was thought to be caused by a blocked drain or sewer. When it was opened out it was found to be a large cesspool sunk in the limestone rock covered by a submerged stone slab and only about fifteen yards from a shallow well.

There were no complaints of shortage of water during the year. At Lyddington water from the Public Supply was laid on to a Hostel which is being constructed.

(ii) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Number of cesspools in the District at end of 1941 (estimated) ... 79

Number of Cesspools abolished during 1941 ... 1

2. (1) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

Total number in the District at the end of 1941:-

(a)	Privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	55
(b)	Pail Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	920
(c)	Water Closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	635

(ii) PUBLIC CLEANSING

House refuse is scavenged weekly in the Town of Uppingham by direct labour. Monthly collection of unburnable refuse is collected from North Luffenham and Morcott. Refuse dumps are provided in the other larger villages which are periodically cleansed. All refuse is disposed of by dumping. Owing to shortage of labour it may be that this scavenging will have to be carried out bi-weekly in the near future.

(iii) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading should be for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this Report.

Total number of complaints received	...	...	...	8
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	...	...	...	15

Nature of inspections:-

	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Re-visits</u>
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	28	46
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Food premises	33	2
Dairies and Cowsheds	62	-
Offensive Trades	-	-
Workshops	12	-
Shops	-	-
Other premises	162	21
	297	67

NOTICES

<u>Preliminary</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	7	-
Issued during the year	6	-
Complied with during year	12	-
Statutory action necessary	1	-
Outstanding 31st. December	2	1

<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Other</u>
Outstanding on 1st. January	19	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during year	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	19	-

(v) REGULATED BUILDINGS

There is one Van in the District. The occupant is a permanent van-dweller and no complaints have been received.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	<u>Cowkeepers</u>	<u>Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (Other than Cowkeepers)</u>
Number on Register	81	-
Number of inspections of premises... ..	62	-

No contraventions of the Order were found during the year.

Total Contraventions

	<u>Outstanding from previous year</u>	<u>Found during year</u>	<u>Remedied during year</u>	<u>Outstanding on 31st. December</u>
Cleansing	3	-	3	-
Structural alterations	2	-	-	1
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS 1936 and 1938

Licences are issued by the County Council. Nine producers are licenced under the above Order, 1936

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are 12 bakehouses in the District which are well maintained. 14 visits have been made and in 5 cases limewashing was necessary. 18½ lbs of National butter was found to be unfit for human consumption. 1,132 Irish eggs were found to be unfit for food.

HOUSING

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 25
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... .. 31
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 13
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose... .. 26
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.. ... Nil
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation... .. 11

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during
the Year, 1941

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Typhoid	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	1	-
Pneumonia	7	-	-
Whooping Cough	68	-	-
Diphtheria	7	7	1
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-
Measles	56	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under one	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over
Scarlet Fever						1	1					
Pneumonia									1		1	
Erysipelas										2		
Puerperal Pyrexia												
Diphtheria				2		4	1					
Measles	1	4	4	3		26	15	1	1	2		
Spinal Meningitis							1					
Whooping Cough	2	9	5	7	6	27	6	3	2			

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1941

Age Group	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
20 - 35	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

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